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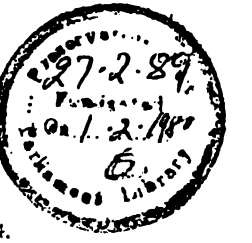

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Abstract of the Proceedings of the Council of the Governor General of India, assembled for the purpose of making Laws and Regulations under the provisions of the Act of Parliament 24 & 25 Vic., cap. 67.

The Council met at Government House on Tuesday, the 14th January 1873.

PRESENT:

His Excellency the Viceroy and Governor General of India, G. M. S. I., *presiding.*

The Hon'ble Sir Richard Temple, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble B. H. Ellis.

Major General the Hon'ble H. W. Norman, C. B.

The Hon'ble A. Hobhouse, Q. C.

The Hon'ble E. C. Bayley, C. S. I.

The Hon'ble F. S. Chapman.

The Hon'ble J. R. Bullen Smith.

The Hon'ble R. E. Egerton.

His Highness the Mahárájá of Vizianagram, K. C. S. I.

The Hon'ble J. F. D. Inglis.

PANJAB APPEALS BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE introduced the Bill to prolong the law relating to Appeals and Reviews of Judgment in the Panjáb, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report in a month. He had explained the reasons for the introduction of this Bill fully when he moved for leave to introduce it, and he need not explain them again. Besides the immediate object for which the Bill was introduced, the Bill further provided for the indefinite extension of the existing Act, and introduced two amendments suggested by the Chief Court of the Panjáb. Although both those amendments were of a verbal character, they were for the purpose of removing judicial doubts which existed and seemed proper to be introduced. They would be carefully considered in Committee, and the Committee would also consider whether it was more desirable to repeal the present Act, and have a new Act with the amendments suggested, or simply to pass an amending Act. That also, was a point raised by the Chief Court of the Panjab, and which they desired to leave to the discretion of the Legislative Department.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

BURMA FERRIES BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. BAYLEY presented the report of the Select Committee on the Bill to regulate Ferries in British Burma. He said, the Bill was sent to the Chief Commissioner of British Burma, and had been received back with his opinion and also that of the Judicial Commissioner of the Province; and, in accordance with their suggestions, the Committee had made one or two alterations: they were little more than verbal, but served to explain more clearly the intention of the Bill.

BURMA PORT-DUES BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. HOBHOUSE introduced the Bill for the levy of Port-dues in British Burma, and moved that it be referred to a Select Committee with instructions to report in a month. He had explained the object of this Bill when he obtained leave to introduce it, and he need not explain it again. The Bill was of a simple character, the principle being that it empowered the Local Government and the Governor General in Council, acting in concert, whenever they made a declaration bringing a port within the general Port-dues Act, also to append to that declaration a tariff of Port-dues to be levied in the port, and the conditions under which the dues were to be levied. There was no unlimited power given to the executive, because the last section of the Bill provided that the dues so authorized should not exceed the rate of four annas for every ton of burden, and should only be levied on sea-going vessels of at least ten tons' burden. That was the maximum charge which hitherto it had been found expedient to make in the Burma ports, and it had therefore been fixed as the maximum in this Bill.

The Motion was put and agreed to.

NORTHERN INDIA IRRIGATION BILL.

The Hon'ble MR. EGERTON presented the final report of the Select Committee on the Bill to regulate Irrigation, Navigation and Drainage in Northern India. He said, the Bill had been considered by the Select Committee at Simla, and a Report had been presented. The Bill had again been published in the Gazette, and the opinions of the Local Governments had been called for. These had now been received and considered, and the Report which he presented was the final Report of the Committee after consideration of those communications.

The following Select Committees were named :—

On the Bill to prolong the law relating to Appeals and Reviews of Judgment in the Panjáb—The Hon'ble Mr. Egerton and the Mover.

On the Bill for the levy of Port-dues in British Burma—Major General the Hon'ble H. W. Norman, the Hon'ble Mr. Bayley and the Mover.

The Council then adjourned to Tuesday, the 21st January 1873.

CALCUTTA;
The 14th January 1873.

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Legislative Dept.

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